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SUBJECT: Waste Area Group 4 Request for Extension -- (OPE-ER-16-00)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

Per Section VIII, G, 8.17 of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, DOE is hereby notifying you of our intention to extend the period for finalization of the draft final Record of Decision (ROD) for the Operable Unit (OU) 4-13A by twenty days. This time period is necessary to revise the strategy for OU 4-13 per the EPA and IDHW comments as follows:

Eliminate all references to OU 4-13A and OU 4-13B and all discussions of an OU 4-13B RI/FS. Revise this ROD to an interim action ROD which:

- Selects a final action for the three sites with unacceptable risks (CFA-04, CFA-08, and CFA-10).
- Identifies all No Action and No Further Action sites and identifies appropriate Institutional Controls for the No Further Action sites.
- Identifies the appropriate Institutional Controls and requirements for these controls, in accordance with EPA Region 10's Institutional Control Policy, for remedial actions selected in the OU 4-10 and OU 4-12 RODs.
- Identifies a comprehensive groundwater monitoring strategy to verify the performance of the landfill remedies and to monitor the nitrate groundwater plume. The details of monitoring strategy should be provided in a monitoring plan delivered to the agencies after the ROD is approved.

With this extension the Draft Final Interim Action ROD will be submitted to the agencies by March 20, 2000.

Included in this ROD will be the understanding that groundwater will be monitored semi-annually until 2005 and that no further action will be required with continued downward trends of the

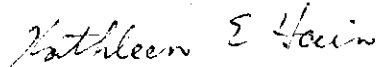
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nitrates in the groundwater. An annual technical memo will provide results and assessment of the groundwater monitoring data. Should technical data show that MCLs are reached prior to this date, an ESD will be prepared making this a final Comprehensive ROD.

If you have any questions or need for further information please contact Carol Hathaway at 208-526-4049 or myself at 208-526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

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